

Clapton

total

now 11

THE ROTHMANS Isthmian League has set the pace once again in the bid to clean up football. Their recent warning to Clapton should not go unheeded. Despite the East London club's threat to take legal advice, they would do better to put their house in order as they have been warned they face the deduction of two league points for every further confirmed caution and five per sending off should their misconduct points pass 12. In nine league games Clapton amassed the staggering total of 11, mainly for dissent. Their 11th booking came on Saturday.

They were also warned that two of their players, who have had three cautions, may have their registrations cancelled if they transgress again.

Barry East, the League's chairman, said: "I have had to succeed some very eminent chairmen. Men of high ideals. They have all firmly believed in two things — utter sportsmanship and utter competitiveness.

"These are still my ideals. No club — and I mean no club — is going to destroy these."

Last week saw several upsets with Carshalton manager Doug Flack resigning and Bromley losing manager Danny Murphy, coach Ray Bailey and six players in a mass walkout. Theo Foley also quit Dulwich Hamlet.

The two-way switch between Southall and Ruislip Manor goes on. The Athenian League clubs have signed goalkeeper Colin Revell, formerly with North Shields, centre back Gwyn Williams and defender, Roland Shelton, who were with the Rothmans Isthmian League side.

Don Stoker, the former Sutton and Kingstonian defender, who was in the British Olympic squad for the 1956 games in Australia and is a Middlesex Wanderer and former coach to the Athenian League Team, can't stay out of football. After a spell as bar steward with Hayes he moved to the Isle of Wight where he has been appointed club coach to Newport, whose chairman Roy Dew is the former Hounslow and Molesey secretary. Newport are hoping that Derek Gamblin, the former Sutton, Wycombe Wanderers and England full back will sign for them.

Alton manager Dennis Probee has resigned. Long serving player Chris Lentz has taken over temporarily, but Ron Reynolds, the former Spurs goalkeeper, could be a surprise choice to manage the Athenian League club.

Peter Brabrook, ex-West Ham and England winger, who played for Harlow last season, has joined London Metropolitan League club East Ham, together with ex-West Bromwich Albion goalkeeper, Terry Dempsey.

St. Albans have signed Bill Dunn from Hoddesdon, Phil Waller from Chesham and Tony Lock from Hemel Hempstead. Barking have released John Oliver, last season's leading club scorer while Clapton's Ivor Day has also been released. Mick Kiely, released by Ilford, has rejoined Epping Town. Billy King and Charlie Marks have transferred from Feltham to Molesey, Joe Adams from Enfield to Harlow and Richard Fitzgerald has crossed Eastbourne from Town to United.

Division 1

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pen.		
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L'head	11	7	2	2	28	13	23	3	0
Ilford	11	7	2	2	22	11	23	1	0
Enfield	10	7	1	2	13	7	22	3	0
Wyc. W.	10	6	2	2	14	9	20	1	0
Bishops	12	6	1	5	19	14	19	0	0
Dulwich	11	6	1	4	17	14	19	2	0
Dag'ham.	7	6	0	1	18	4	18	0	0
Tooting	8	6	0	2	11	7	18	3	0
Clapton	9	6	0	3	12	12	18	11	0
Sutton	9	5	1	3	14	10	16	1	0
Barking	10	4	0	6	17	12	12	1	0
Slough	11	3	3	5	11	14	12	1	0
Hendon	12	3	3	6	11	15	12	2	0
W'stow.	9	3	2	4	13	13	11	2	0
Woking	9	2	4	3	15	14	10	3	0
Walton	10	3	1	6	13	24	10	2	0
L'stone	8	3	0	5	9	13	9	3	0
Oxford	8	3	0	5	8	15	9	1	0
Hitchin	10	2	2	6	16	22	8	2	0
Hayes	10	1	3	6	8	19	6	7	0
K'stonian	8	2	0	6	4	14	6	1	0
Romley	9	1	0	8	4	21	3	2	0